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THE HVMBLE PETITION Of the Lords and Commons *now assembled in* PARLIAMENT to His MAJESTY,

WITH

HIS MAIESTIES Answer thereunto.

TOGETHER WITH

HIS MAJESTIES Message on the 12. of *November.*

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TO THE KING'S *MOST EXCELLENT* MAJESTY,

The humble Petition of the Lords and Commons now assembled in PARLIAMENT.

WEE Your Majesties most loyall Subjects the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, being affected with a deep and piercing sense of the miseries of this Kingdom, and of the dangers to Your Majesties Person, as the present Affaires now stand, and much quickned therein with the sad consideration of the great effusion of Blood of the late Battaile, and of the losse of so

many eminent perſons, And further weighing the Addition of Loſſe, miſery and danger to Your Majeſty and Your Kingdom which muſt enſue, if both Armies ſhould again joyn in another Battaile, as without God's eſpeciall Bleſſing, and Your Majeſties concurrence with Your Houſes of Parliament, will not probably be avoyded.

We cannot but believe that a ſuteable impreſsion of Tenderneſſe and Compaſsion is wrought in Your Majeſties Royall Heart, being Your ſelfe an eye-witneſſe of the bloody and ſorrowfull deſtruction of ſo many of Your Subjects, And that Your Majeſty doth apprehend what Diminution of Your own power and greatneſſe will follow, and that all Your Kingdoms will thereby be ſo weakned, as to become ſubject to the attempts of any ill-affected to this State. In all which reſpects We aſſure our ſelves, that Your Majeſty will be inclined gratiouſly to accept this our humble Petition, that the miſery and deſolation of this Kingdom may be ſpeedily removed and prevented; for the effecting whereof we moſt humbly beſeech Your Majeſty to appoint ſome conve-

convenient Place not farre from the Citty of *London*, where Your Majeſty will be pleaſed to reſide untill Committees of both Houſes of Parliament may attend Your Majeſty with ſome Propoſitions, for the removall of theſe bloody Diſtempers and Diſtractions, and ſetling the State of the Kingdom in ſuch a manner, as may conduce to the Preſervation of God's true Religion, Your Majeſties Honour, Safety and Proſperity, and to the Peace, Comfort and Security of all Your

PEOPLE.

His Majesties Answer to the aforesaid Petition.

WEE take God to witnesse how deeply Wee are affected with the miseries of this Kingdome, which heretofore We have strove, as much as in Us lay, to prevent, It being sufficiently known to all the world, That as We were not the first that tooke up Armes, so We have shewed Our readinesse of composing all things in a faire way by Our severall offers of Treaty, and shall be glad now at length to find any such inclinations in others; The same tendernesse to avoid the Destruction of our Subjects (whom We know to be Our greatest strength) which would allwayes make Our greatest Victories bitter to Vs, shall make Vs willingly hearken to such Propositi-

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ons whereby these bloody distempers may be stopped, & the great distractions of this Kingdome setled to Gods glory, Our Honour, and the welfare and flourishing of our People; And, to that end, shall reside at Our own Castle at Windsore *(if the forces there shall be removed) till Committees may have time to attend Us with the same (which, to prevent the Inconveniences that will intervene, We wish may be hastned) and shall be ready there, or (if that be refused Vs) at any place where We shall be, to receive such Propositions as aforesaid from both our Houses of Parliament. Doe you your duty; Wee will not be wanting to Ours, God of his mercy give a Blessing.*

His

HIS
MAJESTIES Message of the 12. of *November*.

WHEREAS the last night being the 11th *of November, after the Departure of the Committee of both Our Houses With Our Gracious Answer to their Petition, We received certaine Information (having till then heard nothing of it either from the Houses Committee or otherwise) That the Lord of* Essex *had drawn his forces out of* London *towards Us, which hath necessitated Our sudden Resolution to march with Our forces to* Brainceford; *Wee have thought hereby fit to signify to both Our Houses of Parliament, That We are no lesse desirous of the Peace of the Kingdom, then We expresst in Our aforesaid Answer; The Propositions for which We shall willingly receive wheresoever We are, And desire (if it may be) to receive them at* Brainceford *this night, or earely to morrow morning; That all possible speed may be made in so good a work, and all Inconveniences, otherwise likely to intervene, may be avoyded.*

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